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SUBJECT: SIHANOUK AND PODGORNY EXCHANGE MESSAGE ON FUNK
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1. LATEST STEP IN SOVIET REHABILITATION OF SIHANOUK
CONSISTS OF PUBLICATION APRIL 2 OF SIHANOUK THANKS TO
PODGORNY FOR HIS MARCH 23 CONGRATULATIONS ON FOURTH
ANNIVERSARY OF FUNK. THIS EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES IS SIMILAR
TO EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL DAY GREETINGS LAST NOVEMBER
BUT IS NOTABLE BECAUSE OCCASION IS PURELY A FUNK
ONE, NOT A NATIONAL ONE.

2. SIHANOUK'S MESSAGE REFERS TO FUNK STRUGGLE AGAINST
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"U.S. IMPERIALISM AND ITS LACKEYS," WHILE PODGORNY'S

MESSAGE WAS PHRASED MORE DELICATELY IN VOICING SUPPORT FOR JUST STRUGGLE OF CAMBODIAN PATRIOTS FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THEIR HOMELAND. AS IN NOVEMBER, PODGORNY REFERS TO SIHANOUK AS HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF FUNK.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PEKING MAY HAVE SCORED WITH FUNK BY HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION TO KHIEU SAMPHAN DELEGATION (REEFTEL), MOSCOW IS NEVERTHELESS KEEPING ITS OAR IN WITH FUNK AND CLEARLY DOES NOT INTEND TO BE COUNTED OUT.

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